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RE: Petition P3-03

Dear Commissioners:

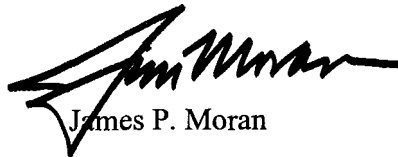
I write in support of the petition UPS has filed for an exemption from the prohibition on Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs) from entering into confidential contracts with their customers.

As you are aware, developments within the ocean shipping marketplace, including industry consolidation and vertically integrated logistics companies that compete with NVOCCs call into question the appropriateness of some of the current regulations governing NVOCCs. UPS has presented a convincing case in its petition. UPS operates one of the most sophisticated, integrated, inter-modal transportation networks in the world, including NVOCC transportation, while deemed a "carrier" in the surface and air freight industries.

By granting this petition, the FMC will acknowledge these changes, encourage greater competition between NVOCCs and vessel operators, and ultimately benefit ocean shipping consumers. I ask for your favorable ruling for this exemption and ask that you respond to this letter in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations and rules.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,


James P. Moran

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